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Families, Children and Seniors Committee 124 North Capitol Ave. PO Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am sending this letter stating my full support for House Bills 4973, 4974 & 4975; also known as Wyatt's Law.

I support our legislators in creating a child abuse offender registry for our young victims who don't have a voice. It would be much like the current Sex Offender Registry where we can keep track of the offenders. It would also allow parents/guardians more of a grasp on who is with their children.

I know there may be some concerns of adding another offender registry but I am confident this registry will make an impact on saving children's lives. Some may argue that this would take away the rights of the offenders, but I am a firm believer if the registry is regulated properly the rights of our children will be protected.

Our children are the future, they are the most vulnerable citizens who often times don't have a voice, it is up to us to protect them. It makes sense to shield them from violence.

I appreciate your time in this matter and I hope you take this letter into consideration when making your decision throughout this process. If you would like to further discuss this issue please contact me at (810) 987-1712.

Sincerely,

Tim Donnellon, Sheriff

St. Clair County

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